

12 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

FROM : Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
Request (Dissemination of FBI Reports to the  
CIA)

1. Reference is made to the letter from Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, dated 1 July 1976 which requests information concerning the recent dissemination of a cable from the FBI to the CIA concerning an American Indian rally in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The letter also requests general information concerning the collection, dissemination, and retention of information concerning U.S. citizens, but according to instructions received from [ ] this Office is limiting its response to reporting the circumstances surrounding the receipt and disposition of the cable from the FBI.

2. The article which appeared in The Washington Star on 24 June 1976 under the headline of "FBI Reported to the CIA on Demonstration" is correct in regard to the fact that the Agency did receive a copy of the FBI cable described in the article. According to officials of the FBI, CIA was put on distribution for the cable because several of the demonstrators carried signs denouncing the CIA.

3. Under Section 4(b)(3) of Executive Order 11905, the Agency is authorized to "protect the security of its installations, activities, information and personnel." Section 5(b)(7)(vi) of Executive Order 11905 further authorizes the Agency to collect information concerning persons or activities which

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pose "a clear threat" to Agency facilities or personnel. Therefore, when the referenced cable was received by the Agency, the action copy was sent to the Office of Security. Within Security two different components were provided copies of the cable and both decided that there was no indication of a clear threat to Agency personnel or facilities. The cable was then destroyed with no action being taken.

4. As a result of the notoriety stemming from the news article about the cable, a discussion was held between the Director of Security and officials of the FBI. This discussion highlighted the need for the Director of Security to spell out to the Bureau with some preciseness the types of information needed by the Office of Security in order to carry out its mission of protecting Agency facilities and personnel. The Director of Security has prepared a draft letter spelling out the information requirements of the Office of Security, and this draft is currently being coordinated among various Agency components as well as with the FBI. The FBI has indicated that the draft will also be coordinated with the Department of Justice Committee on the Attorney General's Guidelines regarding foreign intelligence and counterintelligence activities in the United States. A copy of the draft letter is attached. In the interim the FBI has been requested to furnish the Office of Security with all information which comes to their attention concerning the safety and security of CIA personnel and installations in the United States.



*for* Robert W. Gambino

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